SUBJECT NO. 410.

A Town Magistrate for Shimoga.

Messrs. K. Sankaranarayana Rao, Shimoga Municipality, and S. R. Balakrishna Rao, Nagar Sabha.

Summary of discussion.—The appointment of a Stationary Magistrate at Shimoga is necessary, as the Treasury Assistant Commissioner who is also the Vice-President of the Municipality cannot devote sufficient time to criminal work without prejudice to his other duties.

Reply of Government.—If an additional officer is wanted, the municipality will have to pay for him.

SUBJECT NO. 411.

Re-adjustment of civil jurisdiction.

Messrs. S. R. Balakrishna Rao, Nagar Sabha, and K. Sankaranarayana Rao, Shimoga Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—The civil jurisdiction over the taluks of Koppa and Tarikere may be taken from the Munsiff of Chikmagalur and transferred to the Subordinate Judge or Munsiff of Shimoga. It seems that the people of Koppa have memorialised Government in this matter. Tarikere Taluk is connected with Shimoga by rail, and it is more convenient and less costly for the people of that taluk to go to Shimoga than to Chikmagalur.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT NO. 412.

The Bhadra Project.

Messrs. K. Sankaranarayana Rao, Shimoga Municipality, Nadig Shankarappa, Shimoga Taluk and S. R. Balakrishna Rao, Nagar Sabha.

Summary of discussion.—This project may be sanctioned early, in view of the famine conditions appearing almost every year. The tracts to be traversed by the channels do not get copious rainfall in either of the monsoons, and it is desirable that the work is taken up at once.

Reply of Government.—Noted for consideration when funds permit. It is worth while considering why a joint stock company should not be started for executing the project.

SUBJECT NO. 413.

The Sulekere tank and its channels.

Mr. K. Samaiengar, Channagiri Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(1) It is very desirable that the major irrigation works containing extensive channels, *e. g.*, the Marikanave and Boranakanave reservoirs and the Sulekere tank should be under the control of the Public Works Department. The sluices and channels of these reservoirs have to be kept in order by persons possessing professional knowledge. As matters stand, when anything gets out of order, the correspondence must start from the nala manegar and reach the Deputy Commissioner through the proper official channel and a reference has to be made to the Executive Engineer who has to refer the matter to the Sub-Divisional Officer and it must finally reach the sub-overseer or the maistry to do the needful. Some more time is required for the preparation of the estimate and getting it sanctioned. Much time is thus lost in correspondence and meanwhile the damage that has already occurred increases in dimensions. The sufferer ultimately is the kandayam paying ryot. Steps may be taken to afford the necessary remedy by transferring the control of the Sulekere tank to the Public Works Department.